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OF XBOX LIVE

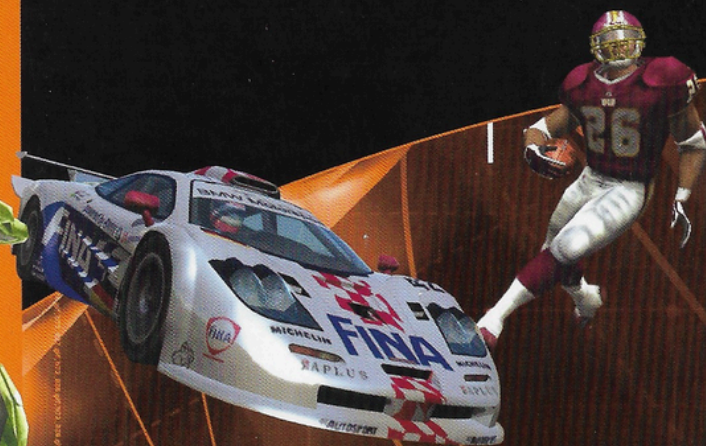


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WELCOME TO XBOX LIVE™

DISCOVER THE  
FUN OF GAMING  
WITH REAL PEOPLE

TOP TIPS AND THE  
LATEST DETAILS ON  
**HALO® 2**, **MADDEN**  
**NFL 2005**, AND MANY  
MORE COMING SOON



UP & RUNNING  
IT'S SO EASY –  
GET GAMING IN MINUTES



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## WELCOME TO THE XBOX LIVE EXPERIENCE



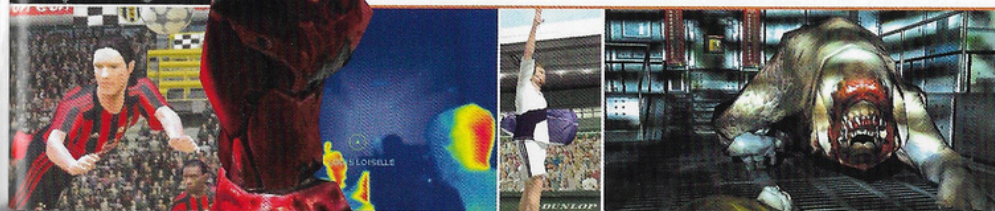
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Congratulations on joining the thriving Xbox Live community. And welcome to the greatest gaming experience you can imagine. This is where you'll be teaming up with friends as Spartans or Covenant in *Halo 2* matches, taking on tons of opponents on the way to Super Bowl glory in *Madden*, and swapping critical information with a teammate using your Xbox® Communicator in *Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow* match-ups.

**Classic games get** a new shot at life with Xbox Live. Downloading new tracks, maps, and missions into games like *Project Gotham Racing 2*, *Rainbow Six 3*, and *Crimson Skies* is a cinch. Playing online with new people adds yet more life to every game, as Xbox Live members provide great competition and experiences.

Xbox Live is also your entertainment destination when you want to chat with friends or just hang out and play, picking up tips from other gamers as you go. This guide will show you how to get the most out of your Xbox Live experience and where to go first for the latest information. It'll also introduce you to the great community activities, and highlight some of the best Xbox Live games out now and coming soon. You'll find top tips for the top games to help you get into the action quickly and easily.

So dive in and get acquainted with the amazing features and with the other members who make Xbox Live come alive. It's the next generation of gaming — always on, always improving, and putting your gaming desires first every day.





## 6 UP AND RUNNING

What you need to know, and how to have a great experience on Xbox Live. Read this to get the lowdown on finding your friends, finding a game, and getting into the action.

- Top 5 **MUST-DO** Xbox Live tips
- What you need to know to get started
- Using OptiMatch™, MSN® Messenger, and building your Friends List. How to stay in touch with all the latest news and activities, how to deal with problems, and where to find help.



## 20 THE GAMES OF XBOX LIVE

So many games, so many great experiences.

- The best games in every genre
- The Xbox Live Experience to expect
- Top tips to get you effective and competitive the moment you go online



## 15 PRIME TIME

Every night is an exciting night of programming in the Xbox Live Prime Time slots.

- Where to find Rest & Relaxation
- How to Game With Fame
- Where to get the latest information on all the Special Events.



## 30 GREAT GAME REBATE

- Get \$5 off the *Official Xbox Magazine* Editor's Choice-winning rally game, *RalliSport Challenge 2*.

## 31 EXTENDED PLAY

Add fresh new content to your Xbox games via the downloadable content available through Xbox Live.

- The best downloads (available for supported games)
- Xbox Live downloads to spruce up your PC
  - Wallpapers
  - Screensavers
  - Windows Media® Player Skins

## 35 XBOX LIVE SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Take the survey about your Xbox Live experience and enter to win the fantastic tennis game *Top Spin*. It's fun for the whole family. (100 games will be awarded.)

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# UP AND RUNNING

Xbox Live is always on and always buzzing with gamers looking to play. It's a complete entertainment experience, and we're here to guide you through its many activities and events. In no time at all, you'll be getting to the games, making friends, and discovering for yourself the world of Xbox Live.

## 5 MUST-DO XBOX LIVE TIPS

### 1 KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE

**Friends, and a populated Friends List** are the keys to your Xbox Live experience. Forget Artificial Intelligence playing with people you know, you've met, or who share similar interests is what makes Xbox Live gaming superior. With a well-populated Friends List, you can be sure to have plenty of willing members who want to play your favorite games the way you want to play them, when you want to play them.



#### How do you populate your Friends List?

■ When you've enjoyed playing with a member or if you want to add your friends or family, access your Friends List from the game menu.

■ Select "Add to Friends List."

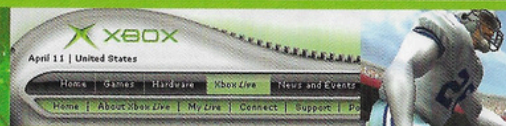
When that person accepts, you're connected and will be able to see when they're online and what they're playing.

### 2 GET TO KNOW OPTIMATCH AND QUICKMATCH

Two of the most dynamic Xbox Live features that really impact your fast access to the best online games are OptiMatch and QuickMatch. Wherever you find these features, you'll quickly learn to love them both as they get you into the games you want to play fast and easily. (Turn the page for more information on how they work.)



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### 3 VISIT R&R NIGHT

**Start off your Xbox Live** experience by making friends and discovering relaxed gaming, where stats and leaderboards are forgotten and playing for fun and finding people with similar interests is the order of the day. You can ask questions of experienced gamers, add new names to your Friends List, and find similarly-skilled players who will help ensure that you have the best time possible playing your favorite games.

■ For more information, be sure to visit [www.xbox.com/en-us/primetime](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/primetime)

### 4 OPT-IN FOR NEWS AND INFORMATION

**Xbox Live is always changing**, with new activities popping up all the time, so make sure you're kept up-to-date on all of the news, events, games, and content downloads by opting-in to receive mail and messages from Xbox. It's free to sign up. At the dashboard, click on the Opt-In option to make sure you're in the loop.

■ You can also go to [www.xbox.com](http://www.xbox.com), and look for the "You Asked for It" section, and you'll see the link to the Xbox.com Newsletter.

### 5 VISIT THE FORUMS

You can find hints and tips, read fun facts and information, and meet new gamers of all interests at the Xbox Live forums. Point your browser to <http://forums.xbox.com> where you'll find pages devoted to specific games, helpful information to solve problems, and updates and community pages. It's your first stop online to get all the information you need from like-minded gamers.

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Xbox General Discussion Got stuff to talk about? Can't find a forum that fits? Then stop up and post it here.	43,792	370,729	20 Apr 2004 09:20 PM by: [User]
Strategies and Tricks So you beat the boss, eh? Wrap away, my friend. But did you find all the secrets, cheats and easter eggs?	7,234	41,041	20 Apr 2004 07:34 PM by: [User]
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Wish List and Feedback Have your chance to tell us what you think! What would you like to see in games, tournaments, leagues, contests, the Xbox site...? Let us know!	18,436	59,866	20 Apr 2004 08:22 PM by: [User]
Off-Topic Discussion Get something to say that, quite frankly, is completely irrelevant to Xbox? Post it in here! Posts in this forum do not count towards individual post counts.	26,562	215,297	20 Apr 2004 08:28 PM by: [User]
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#### QUICK-HELP HITS

By Phone: 1-800-4MY-XBOX

Games, Hardware, and Xbox Live support online: [www.xbox.com/support](http://www.xbox.com/support)

Online Forums: <http://forums.xbox.com>



## DISCOVER XBOX LIVE



Xbox Live introduces a staggering array of useful features that help gamers find fun game experiences in double-quick time. Try them all and you'll discover the vibrant community of like-minded members sharing your passion for great games.

### NEED TO FIND A GREAT GAME QUICKLY?

#### QuickMatch

**QuickMatch** (available in all Xbox Live online enabled games) instantly searches through all available matches in your game of choice, and then picks the one with the best connection to you and showing at least one available player slot.

■ In the multiplayer menu of your Xbox game, the QuickMatch option is at the top. Select it, and it scours all of Xbox Live to find games in progress or waiting to start.

It then displays its search results and gives you the option to join the match or search for a different one. This is a great way of finding new people to play with or against, and it'll put you in the online fray in record time.



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### WANT TO PLAY YOUR FAVORITE MAP OR MODE?

#### OptiMatch™

**OptiMatch** lets you quickly find games with a certain number of players, on any specific level you like, and in any particular game mode you prefer (such as "Capture the Flag," "Deathmatch," etc.).

■ From the multiplayer menu on the front screen of your game, select the OptiMatch button. OptiMatch is available in all Xbox Live online enabled games.

The filtering of server information lets you find a game with optimum performance for your connection, and lets you play what you want, how you want it.



### TAG, YOU'RE IT: ABOUT YOUR GAMERTAG

Your Gamertag is the online name that will identify you in every single Xbox Live game. Remember that your Gamertag is permanent, so it's important to choose a Gamertag that suits you best.

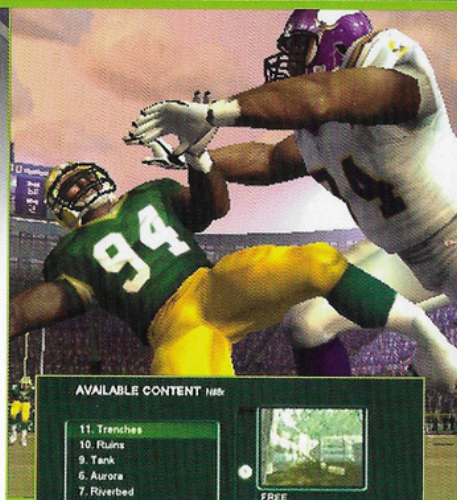
**HERE ARE THE TOP TIPS FOR GETTING THE NAME YOU WANT, AND THAT YOU'RE PROUD TO CALL YOUR OWN:**

1. When signing up for an Xbox Live account, make sure to think about your

ideal Gamertag, be it a nickname, a favorite word, or a mix of several words.  
 2. Have two or three back-up names. Many Gamertags are taken, so be prepared to go to Plan B.  
 3. Consider using numbers in your Gamertag (e.g., B1AD3, SH0KK3R).  
 4. Take your time and find a name that you really like. Don't get frustrated, and find a way to get a tag you'll be happy to own for years to come.



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## WANT TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR FAVORITE GAMES?

### Content Download

This feature is one you simply can't afford to miss. Many Xbox Live online enabled titles offer exclusive Downloadable Content that adds new items, maps, characters, and more to the game! And a lot of this content is absolutely free. Download new golf courses in *Links 2004*, entire extra missions in *Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell*, team-roster updates in *NFL Fever 2004*, and much more. Currently, over 150 content downloads are available for many of your favorite Xbox Live games (and more coming) – you can get a comprehensive list at [www.xbox.com/en-us/live](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/live) and clicking on Content Downloads at the bottom of the page. Or get more information on the content downloads available by turning to page 33.

#### REMEMBER:

Always check back at <http://www.xbox.com/en-us/games/live-downloads.htm>, as more and more updates, missions, maps, and modes are added regularly, keeping your favorite games fresh for many more months.

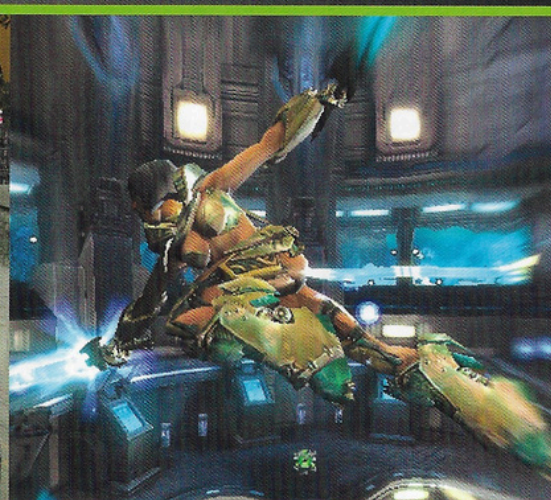


## WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE DOING?

### Scoreboard and Rankings

Rank	Name	Score	Time
1	Major Nelsen	4116	54:21
2	Major Nelsen	4098	49:21
3	Major Nelsen	4010	44:47
4	Major Nelsen	3975	43:51
5	Major Nelsen	3977	43:52
6	Major Nelsen	3977	43:52
7	Major Nelsen	3977	43:52

Scoreboard and Rankings are available in select Xbox Live online enabled games, including *Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Island Thunder*, *Top Spin*, *Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell Pandora Tomorrow*, and more. The system tracks player statistics and ranks them accordingly. Now you can know exactly how your scores and performance match up compared to your friends and every Xbox Live player in the world!



## CHAT WITH FRIENDS EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN A GAME

### Voice Chat

Xbox Live is a great place to hang out with friends, even if you don't have an Xbox game in the tray! How?

- With your Communicator plugged in, from the Xbox Live menu on the Dashboard, simply access the "Friends" menu and select the friend(s) you'd like to chat with.
- Highlight "Invite to Chat," and press the "A" button.
- That person will receive the invitation no matter what game they're playing.



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- Once they join you, you'll enjoy real-time chat as though you were calling on a cellphone, just like you do in your Xbox Live games!

Want to chat with a family member while waiting to compete in that *Project Gotham Racing 2* match-up? Need to set a play date with a buddy from your Friends List? It's easy to use this amazing chat functionality, so be sure to take advantage.

## KNOW THE POWER OF SILENCE

### Mute

Did you know that your Xbox Live Communicator has a mute button? It's located just below the green light on the Communicator's base; the light turns red when the button is pressed. Pressing mute will save your fellow players some confusion and keep other conversations private when chatting with new people who enter the room. It can also keep out distractions from people whose tone and style you might not want to have coming through your headphones.



## FRIENDS

**Artificial Intelligence opponents** might be fine in small doses, but playing against human players is what makes Xbox Live such a thriving online gaming community. That's why creating a list of your friends who are Xbox Live members, or populating it with new friends met while playing your favorite games, is your guarantee of a great Xbox Live experience. How so?

- What's a good game without the pre- and post-game banter? And it's fun to just hang with your buddies, chatting using the Xbox Communicator.
- Team up in killer *Rainbow Six 3* matches, for example, work effectively together, and trounce your opponents.
- Stories will be told and legends made.

With its ability to connect with your friends regardless of what game you are playing, your Friends List is the backbone of the social community that is Xbox Live.

## TOP TIPS FOR BUILDING A GREAT FRIENDS LIST

### SHOW UP AT XBOX LIVE PRIME TIME

**Make sure you check** out the Prime Time schedule of nights devoted to great gaming. There's something for everyone, letting you enjoy Xbox Live the way you want to experience it. That way, you'll meet friends with similar tastes and develop a ready group of like-minded gamers available to play whenever you want.

Find a full schedule of the month's Prime Time programming in **Official Xbox Magazine** or at [www.xbox.com/en-us/primetime](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/primetime).

**OFFICIAL XBOX MAGAZINE LIVE LISTINGS**  
Your 100% official guide to Xbox Live events, challenges, competitions, and chat.

Day	Event	Time
Monday, May 3, 2004	100% OFFICIAL XBOX MAGAZINE LIVE LISTINGS	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday, May 4, 2004	100% OFFICIAL XBOX MAGAZINE LIVE LISTINGS	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday, May 5, 2004	100% OFFICIAL XBOX MAGAZINE LIVE LISTINGS	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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### GETTING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ONLINE

**Who better to play with or against** than your regular friends and members of your family? Make sure all your buddies know about the great services, features, and amazing gameplay on Xbox Live.

### JUST ASK!

**Don't be shy!** If you've just had a great time gaming with someone and you think you'd like to play with them in the future, don't hesitate to ask them if you can add them to your Friends List. You can be sure they'll say yes, because they just had as much fun as you did!

## UP AND RUNNING

## LIVING IT UP

**Make the most of your online experience with these handy tips.**

### HELP IS EVERYWHERE



**If you've got** questions about your Xbox Live account, or if you need any information, answers are available through a variety of sources. If you need to speak to someone directly, a toll-free call to 1-800-4MY-XBOX

(that's 1-800-469-9269) will immediately put you in touch with an Xbox specialist who will quickly and happily assist you.

Sometimes there's nothing like another Xbox Live member's help or information. Find them on the forums at <http://forums.xbox.com>.

- **LOG ON TO** [WWW.XBOX.COM](http://www.xbox.com)
- Click on the "Community" section to view all the Xbox forums.
- Search for your desired forum topic (maybe Xbox hardware, Xbox Live, or an Xbox game).
- In a few clicks of the mouse, and a quick search, you'll have the answers you're looking for.

### PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

**You've got the message** that getting together with friends is the best way to enhance your own Xbox Live experience, right? It's also in your interests to take responsibility for your community. Having respect for others is key to the friendly environment open to everyone. Remember, you were a newbie once, and you can help out fellow gamers easily by answering their questions.



### TROUBLEMAKERS

**Just like in the real world,** not everyone on Xbox Live is a saint. Some are just there to spoil the game experience – they're known as "grief players." If you encounter a troublesome or abusive player, select their name from the "Players" list and select "Send Feedback." Your comments will be sent to Microsoft, and players who cause too much trouble will be banned from Xbox Live.

Your online experience can be seriously impacted by the behavior of others. That's another reason to have a well-populated Friends List: to guarantee a game with someone you know and the game experience you want, every time you head onto Xbox Live.



# ADVANCED TIPS

## LINK IT UP!



Easily navigating the Xbox forums, receiving information on big offers and new services, and enjoying a personalized login to [www.xbox.com/en-us/live](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/live) can all be managed through your PC in one easy stroke.

Take advantage of this feature and you'll have access to your own customized [Xbox.com](http://Xbox.com) web page that lets you view your Friends List to see who's online, manage your Xbox Live account, check out the hottest music videos and celebrity interviews, and more!

It's done simply by linking your Gamertag to your Microsoft.NET passport. Your .NET passport is your unique online identity that saves you from having to input your details on all the personalized sites that you visit. If you use a Hotmail® email account, then you already have a .NET passport – it's your Hotmail email address. If you don't, it's free and easy

to set up a Microsoft.NET passport by going to [www.passport.net](http://www.passport.net) and filling in the quick details. Once you do, you'll have your passport to a smooth online experience that's personalized to your own tastes and interests.

### HOW DO YOU DO THIS? SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- If you have a Microsoft Hotmail email account, you already have a Microsoft.NET passport. To link your Gamertag, head to [www.xbox.com/en-us/live](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/live) and click on the My Live tab.
- When prompted, enter your Hotmail username and password. This will then link your address to your Gamertag and you'll be plugged in to all the features that will improve your online experience. If you don't have a Hotmail account, get a .NET passport at [www.passport.net](http://www.passport.net). It's simple, fast, and free!



## SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE

Remember, if you have another card with a subscription code, it's easy to keep your account active so you'll never miss a moment of the action. Or lose your Gamertag.

Through your Account Management page of the Xbox Dashboard you can modify your subscription by just plugging in the new subscription number. Follow the simple instructions on-screen and you'll be good for more months of great gaming.

Remember, as long as your details are up-to-date, your monthly or annual subscription will automatically renew so you don't need to bother yourself, and the great action, the great community, and all the features you love from Xbox Live just keep coming.



## ALERT!!!

### MSN MESSENGER ALERTS

Be sure to get the latest news on the hottest downloads to arrive on Xbox Live by signing up for MSN Messenger Alerts. While at your PC, sign up by visiting [www.xbox.com/en-us/live](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/live) and clicking on the link, where you'll be able to find all the details on getting the latest news and download information streamed straight to your Messenger account the very moment it's available.

### XBOX LIVE ALERTS

You can also pick and choose what information you want to receive from Xbox, such as news on the latest content download additions, by signing up for Xbox Live Alerts. Sign up when you get your MSN Messenger hook-up to get the latest Xbox news and events information.



## ACCOUNT UPDATE

The very best way to get the most out of your Xbox Live experience is to stay informed about your Xbox Live account. To ensure you never miss any of the great events and promotions for Xbox Live users, you need to make sure your Account details are current and correct.

### HOW DO YOU DO THAT? YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF SIMPLE OPTIONS:

#### 1. XBOX DASHBOARD

Using the Xbox Dashboard (accessed by starting your Xbox with no disc in the disc tray), select Account Settings. From this screen you can:

- Opt in to receive the updates.
- Check that all your information is correct.
- Ensure that you get the full complement of communications that help keep you in the know about the variety of Xbox activities.

#### 2. XBOX.COM

By linking your Gamertag through your .NET passport (see more details on previous page), you can find more information about managing your account, accessing billing information, and ensuring that you're signed up for the Xbox Newsletter. Log on to [www.xbox.com](http://www.xbox.com), select My Xbox, and then on the right-hand side, select Manage My Account. This provides all the information you need to keep up to date.



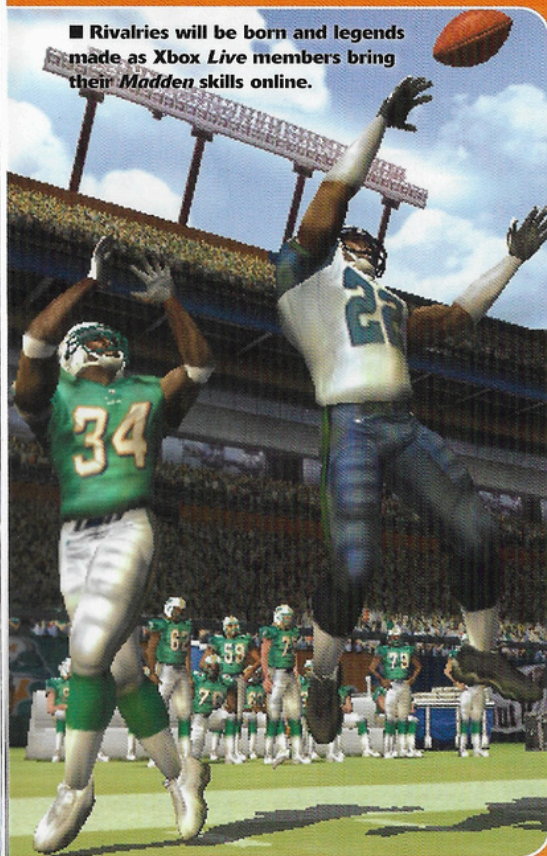


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# PRIME TIME

Your guide to planned events and what games are featured every single day.

■ Rivalries will be born and legends made as Xbox Live members bring their *Madden* skills online.



Seven days a week Xbox Live is buzzing with activity. It's responding to your interests and answering your online gaming expectations. Prime Time is the place where new games are played, where new friends are met, where competition is fierce...or relaxed, if that's what you prefer. It's where prizes are won and gamers come to hang out, meet new people, get into the games quickly and easily, and really get the most from their Xbox Live time.

For all the latest activities, promotions, and special events, be sure to check out [www.xbox.com](http://www.xbox.com) and click on the Prime Time link.

## PRIME TIME

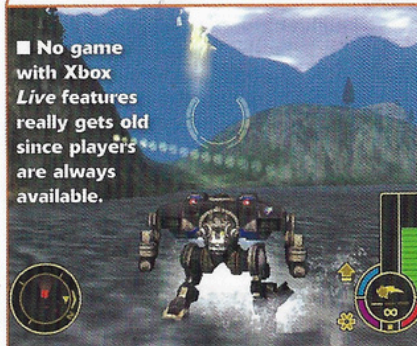
### MONDAY: R&R NIGHT

The perfect environment for anyone who wants to enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, Rest & Relaxation night is the time when you can ask questions about getting in or getting good at your favorite games. Get tips from experts, and when you can find friendly players who want to play your favorite games.

■ Leaderboards, trash-talk, and frag counts are forgotten on Monday's relaxing evening of Rest & Relaxation.



■ No game with Xbox Live features really gets old since players are always available.

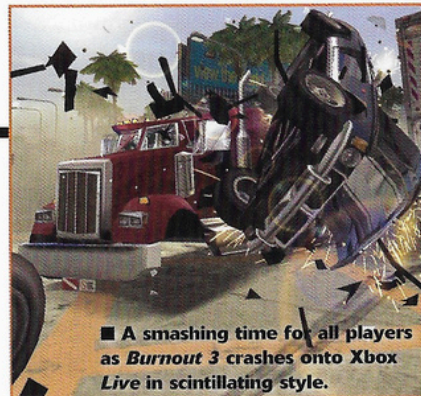


### TUESDAY: OLD SCHOOL

With thousands of opponents and hours of expanded gameplay through content downloads, Old School classics provide tons of Xbox Live goodness. Grab your *Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon* (and *Island Thunder*), *MechAssault*, *Crimson Skies*, or *Return to Castle Wolfenstein: Tides of War* and find a slew of willing playing partners still finding value in these great games.

### WEDNESDAY: RACE TO THE WEEKEND

Time to shift your Xbox into gear, put your foot down, and let the sleek speed machines of the best racing games rip. Be it *Project Gotham Racing 2*, *RalliSport Challenge 2*, *Forza Motorsport*, or *Burnout 3: Takedown*, racing is better online. And with the Xbox Live experience, you'll find loads of Xbox Live gamers ready to put their skills to the test against the best.



■ A smashing time for all players as *Burnout 3* crashes onto Xbox Live in scintillating style.





## THURSDAY: NEW RELEASE NIGHT

**Got that hot** new game and looking for like-minded players who were also first-in-line at the game store? Played your new game and ready to push it to the limit online? Thursday night is the night when all the latest hits are played, so whatever your newest purchase is, take it on Xbox Live.

■ Get your frag on with *Rainbow Six 3* or any of the great action shooters to welcome the weekend.



## FRIDAY: TGIF

**What does "first-person fraggin' Friday"** mean? It means that the weekend is here and it's time to bust out first-person action games like *Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six 3* and *Ghost Recon*, and the stellar *Unreal Championship*. You'll get your adrenal glands pumping with the action on display on this night of blazing guns. So lock-and-load and join the firefight in an explosive night of Xbox Live action.

## SATURDAY: STEALTH SATURDAY

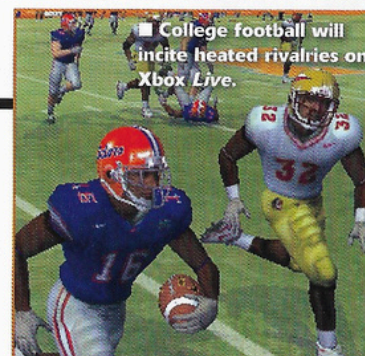
**Time to get** your sneak on. If you're looking for an intense spy and sneak experience, you'll not find anything better than *Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow*. Xbox Live will be buzzing with teammates and opponents, so be sure to log on and discover how to get involved in this compelling online experience.



■ Experience one of the most innovative multiplayer games ever.

## SUNDAY: SPORTS SUNDAY

**What else are** you going to play on a Sunday other than sports games? With EA Sports bringing its powerhouse franchises to Xbox Live, the sports arena just got even more exciting. Now you can bring *Madden NFL 2005*, *NBA Live 2005*, and *NCAA Football 2005* online, and go for a round of golf with the spectacular *Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005*. Find teammates or opponents quickly with all of Xbox Live's functions, and get in the game!



■ College football will incite heated rivalries on Xbox Live.

## GAME WITH FAME

You aren't the only ones to know that Xbox Live is the coolest online entertainment hang-out. Loads of celebrities are hooked on Xbox Live and on occasion you could win the chance to pit yourself against their skills in a variety of games. Game With Fame events keep cropping up on Xbox Live and the best way to find out which celebrities are taking part, and when they'll be playing is to visit [www.xbox.com/en-us/news/events/gamewithfame.htm](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/news/events/gamewithfame.htm).



■ Xbox Live member Sean Castor (far left) can hardly believe he's playing with Everlast.

These events give you the chance to match your skills against The Strokes or Outkast, making lasting memories. Have you ever

imagined playing Xbox games against Everlast at the Playboy Mansion? That's what one lucky Xbox Live member got to do recently. Next? It could be you.

## PLAY FAMOUS FELLOW GAMERS

Past participants at the Game With Fame party include:

- Hoobastank
- Michelle Rodriguez
- The Strokes
- Method Man
- Yellowcard
- New Found Glory
- Outkast
- Korn

So be sure to get online and check the website to find out about the celebrities heading to an Xbox controller near you.

## WHAT YOU CAN WIN

Xbox Live members have won a bevy of prizes just for hanging out and playing on the service. Among the great giveaways awarded so far:

- A trip to the South of France
- A trip to Los Angeles to go party with Everlast at the Playboy Mansion at a special event to celebrate the release of his album
- An array of Xbox games

Make sure to check [www.xbox.com](http://www.xbox.com) regularly to get the latest updates on the famous people coming to Xbox Live, and what Gamertags they are using, so you know who to look out for.



# The Games of

Something for everyone. These games are either out now or coming soon (bold) to the best gaming platform and online community you can find.



- All-Star Baseball™ 2005
- Amped® 2
- Burnout™ 2: Point of Impact
- Developer's Cut
- Dance Dance Revolution™ ULTRAMIX
- ESPN College Hoops
- ESPN Major League Baseball
- ESPN NBA Basketball
- ESPN NFL Football
- ESPN NHL® Hockey
- High Heat™ Major League Baseball® 2004
- Links® 2004
- Madden NFL 2005
- Midtown Madness® 3
- MLB Inside Pitch™ 2003
- MotoGP™ 2
- MTX: Mototrax™
- MX Superfly™ featuring Ricky Carmichael
- NBA Inside Drive 2004
- NBA Live 2005
- NCAA® College Basketball 2K3
- NCAA® Football 2005
- NFL Fever 2004
- Project Gotham Racing® 2
- RalliSport Challenge 2
- SEGA Sports™ NBA 2K3
- SEGA Sports™ NFL 2K3
- SEGA Sports™ NHL® 2K3
- Tetris Worlds™ Online Edition
- Top Spin™
- World Championship Pool™ 2004



- Armed & Dangerous™
- Cabela's® Dangerous Hunts™
- Cabela's® Deer Hunt 2004 Season™
- Capcom® vs. SNK 2: E.O.
- Conflict Desert Storm II: Back to Baghdad
- Crimson Skies®: High Road to Revenge™
- Dead Man's Hand
- Godzilla®: Destroy All Monsters – Melee
- Magic: The Gathering® – Battlegrounds
- MechAssault®
- Metal Slug 3™
- Midnight Club II™
- Midway Arcade Treasures
- MLB® SlugFest®: Loaded
- Phantasy Star Online Episode I & II™
- Powerdrome
- Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time™
- Secret Weapons Over Normandy™
- SEGA GT Online™
- Star Wars® Battlefront
- Star Wars® Jedi Knight®: Jedi Academy™
- Star Wars®: Knights of the Old Republic™
- Star Wars®: The Clone Wars™
- Steel Battalion™ – Line of Contact
- ToCA Race Driver 2™
- ToeJam & Earl™ III: Mission to Earth
- Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell™
- Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell® Pandora Tomorrow™
- Trivial Pursuit® Unhinged!
- Whacked!®
- Worms 3D



- Brute Force™
- Counter-Strike™
- Doom® 3
- Driv3r™



Conker's coming to Xbox Live. Tediz beware – the fight is on.

# Xbox Live



- Fable™
- Full Spectrum Warrior™
- Halo® 2
- Hunter: The Reckoning® Redeemer
- Ninja Gaiden®
- Outlaw Volleyball
- Red Dead Revolver
- Return to Castle Wolfenstein: Tides of War™
- Run Like Hell™
- Soldier of Fortune® 2: Double Helix™
- S.W.A.T.™ Global Strike Team
- Tenchu®: Return from Darkness™
- The Chronicles of Riddick™: Escape From Butcher Bay
- Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon™
- Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon™: Island Thunder™
- Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six® 3
- Unreal® Championship
- Unreal® II – The Awakening
- XIII
- Armada 2: Star Command
- Battlefield: Modern Combat™
- Burnout® 3: Takedown™
- Conker™: Live and Reloaded
- Dead or Alive® Ultimate
- DronZ™
- Far Cry Instincts™
- FIFA Football 2005
- Forza Motorsport™
- GoldenEye: Rogue Agent™
- Jade Empire™
- Kingdom Under Fire: The Crusaders™
- Madden NFL 2005
- MechAssault II: Lone Wolf™
- Mortal Kombat®: Deception
- NASCAR® 2005: Chase for the Cup
- NBA Live 2005
- NCAA® March Madness 2005™
- NHL® 2005
- Outrun2
- Star Wars®: Knights of the Old Republic® II – The Sith Lords™
- The Fast and the Furious™
- Tiger Woods PGA Tour® 2005
- TimeSplitters: Future Perfect™
- Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2
- Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six® 3: Black Arrow
- Unreal® Championship 2: The Liandri Conflict
- Xbox® Music Mixer



- Armada 2: Star Command
- Battlefield: Modern Combat™
- Burnout® 3: Takedown™
- Conker™: Live and Reloaded

## WHAT THE BOX CAN TELL YOU

LIVE ONLINE ENABLED

### Find special features quickly

You can instantly tell if a game is Xbox Live online enabled by looking at the game box. See the orange bar above? That's your immediate indication that you'll be able to find fellow members playing this game online or that it's Live Aware, meaning that it can receive single-player downloads.

Check the back of every game pack, too, for more detailed information on the availability of downloadable content, maximum number of players, and other features such as HDTV support.



MOST POPULAR XBOX LIVE GAME: Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow



Here's a selection of profiles and tips on just a few of the great games you can play on Xbox Live.

# HALO 2

NEW TITLE!

The game everyone has been waiting for...

**Developer:** Bungie Studios **Publisher:** Microsoft Game Studios  
**Number of players:** 1-16 **Available:** November 9, 2004 **ESRB:** M – Blood & Gore, Language, Violence

## What it is:

The sequel to the best-selling game on Xbox (and arguably one of the best video games ever), now comes complete with amazing Xbox Live features. Master Chief is back on Earth – which means the Covenant is, too. And it's a well-prepared enemy needing a well-prepared savior of the galaxy.

## The Xbox Live Experience:

Playing alone on Xbox Live is the first big detail to get excited about, but that's only the beginning. Playing as the Covenant, wielding

two weapons at once, boarding vehicles manned by opponents, and destroying parts of the environment for strategic use are just a few high points of the cavalcade of functions and gameplay options coming with *Halo 2*.

## Most Exciting Feature:

**Pick any one!** The destructible vehicles look amazing, as do the shiny new Elite Covenant characters, but boarding a moving vehicle by kicking out its driver has to be the high point to look for so far.

Dual-wielding weapons, boarding enemy-occupied vehicles, hitting the nitro boost for extra speed, and even playing as the Covenant? Here's the single best reason to have your Xbox Live account in good standing!

## GAMES OF XBOX LIVE

# DOOM 3

Saving Mars from hell

**Developer:** id Software/Vicarious Visions  
**Publisher:** Activision **Number of players:** 1-4  
**ESRB:** M – Blood & Gore, Intense Violence  
**Available:** Late 2004

## What it is:

The classic creep-out shooter is remade for Xbox, bringing with it some of the most amazing (and terrifying) visuals you've ever witnessed. In the unenviable shoes of a space marine at the UAC facility on Mars, you'll acquire an arsenal of the classic armaments – chainsaw, shotgun, plasma rifle, rocket launcher, and even the BFG – and wield them with impunity against hell's hordes.

## The Xbox Live Experience:

Sneak and stealth are words not in the *Doom* vocabulary, and nowhere is that more apparent than on Xbox Live. Deathmatch will be back

in vogue as up to four marines will scour the corridors of the supplied multiplayer maps, controlling weapon spawning points, health, and armor shards. One-on-one tournament, team deathmatch, and last-man-standing modes will be available, but the Xbox kicker is co-op play.

Exclusively built for Xbox Live, cooperative play lets you blast through the terrifyingly claustrophobic space station, make occasional runs on the Martian surface, and storm the depths of hell itself with a buddy. Being able to communicate with a real person as imps, cacodemons, arch-viles, and zombies appear out of the ether will not only be a thrilling partnership, but also give psychological support as the horrifying scenes of the hellish invasion unfold.



■ He IS coming to get you!

# TOM CLANCY'S GHOST RECON 2

Show military might

**Developer:** Red Storm Entertainment  
**Publisher:** Ubisoft **Number of players:** 1-16  
**Available:** Holiday 2004 **ESRB:** RP

## What it is:

As the sequel to one of the most popular Xbox Live games ever, *Ghost Recon 2* will bring more military action, but this time from a new perspective. The over-the-shoulder (OTS) view lets you see more of the world and the detailed models of your squad of ghosts on maneuvers. The first-person mode is also still available for those wanting the utmost authenticity and realism – and with a game that looks and plays like *GR2* does, that's just another reason it should be on your must-buy list.

## The Xbox Live Experience:

Expect a ton of Xbox Live options and features both at ship and beyond. All of the single-player game's 15-20 missions will be playable in cooperative mode, as well as in the other supported gameplay options like team deathmatch. A number of new modes supplement the original's weighty options, adding even more value to the package.

Beyond launch, expect to see more multiplayer missions available for download; new single-player missions may also be released. With planned support for all the latest Xbox Live functions, *Ghost Recon 2* should offer the ability to create clan logos and take part in clan tournaments, and maybe even create your own maps using level-editing tools.

Based on Red Storm Entertainment's success in crafting one of the most successful titles ever on Xbox Live, expect another hit with this updated, improved, and totally revamped sequel.



■ Aim. Pull the trigger. Watch the fireworks.

**DOOM TIP:** Crouch to get a good straight aiming angle when the spider-like trites attack.



## MORTAL KOMBAT: DECEPTION

The definitive name in fighters

Developer: Midway Publisher: Midway ESRB: RP  
Number of Players: 1-2 Available: Fall 2004

### What it is:

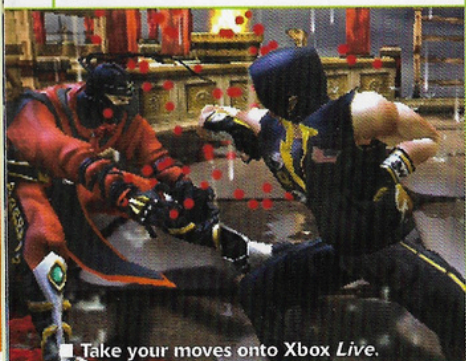
The most famous, longest-running 3D fighting game series in the world is punching and kicking onto Xbox Live this fall. Along for the ride in this latest iteration of the storied franchise are new characters, new powerful moves, and, as you would expect, brand-new fatalities. Interactive backdrops featuring deathtraps and background weapons add an extra layer of strategy to the classic fighter.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

A number of the single-player game modes will be available for battling on Xbox Live. The most prominent, naturally, will be straight-up, one-on-one fighting.

In addition to the core beat-'em-up action, a number of mini-games will also be playable on Xbox Live. These include *Chess Kombat*, a chess-based board game featuring real-time battles, and *Puzzle Kombat*, a two-player game starring bizarre characters in *Super Puzzle Fighter*-like action.

The frantic action mayhem you'd expect of this classic franchise is matched only by the superlative visuals that dazzle on-screen. Get in the fight this fall.



Take your moves onto Xbox Live.

## FORZA MOTORSPORT

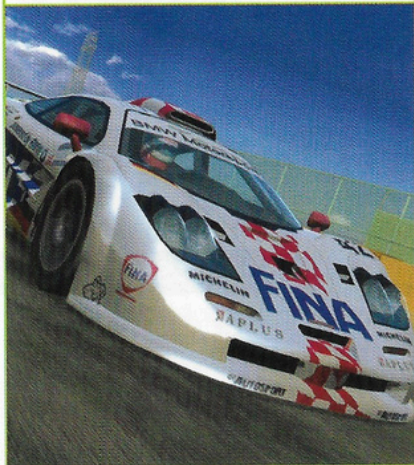
Tuned to perfection

NEW TITLE!

Developer: Microsoft Game Studios  
Publisher: Microsoft Game Studios ESRB: RP  
Number of players: 1-8 Available: Fall 2004

### What it is:

A spectacular graphics engine and a down-to-the-tire-tread attention to detail define *Forza Motorsport*. Everything you could possibly want to tweak on your car, from body kits to suspension settings to engine type, is available for tinkering and tuning.



■ Don't be afraid to grind some metal. These cars may look real, but you don't have to pay real dollars to fix them!

### The Xbox Live Experience:

Engage in eight-player Xbox Live asphalt wars to see who's configured the better car and who knows how to drive it better. With dozens of cars to choose from in many different classes, the action will never be the same twice!

### Most Exciting Feature:

Grabbing a steering wheel and foot-pedal box for your Xbox and experiencing the ultimate in simulation driving will be a dream come true for armchair grease monkeys.

## TOM CLANCY'S SPLINTER CELL PANDORA TOMORROW

The best, most innovative Xbox Live game ever

Developer: Ubisoft Shanghai Publisher: Ubisoft  
Number of players: 1-4 Available: NOW  
ESRB: T - Blood, Drug Reference, Violence

### What it is:

Two sides in perfectly balanced opposition:

- The spies: Nimble, acrobatic U.S. Government spies needing to infiltrate an area and either neutralize, extract, or sabotage ND133 virus canisters.
- The mercenaries: Heavily-armed, highly lethal mercs hired by the ARGUS corporation to protect the ND133.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

You've never seen or played anything like this before. Communicating with your teammates, intercepting your opponent's transmissions, talking tactics and finding players that perfectly complement your own abilities - it's an online gaming experience like no other.

### What to know:

- The spies' weaponry is non-lethal (their rifles temporarily stun mercs or disable motion sensors), but they can kill if necessary.



■ If you can get behind a mercenary as a spy, you can grab him, taunt him, and then break his neck.

- While spread-eagled above an alleyway, jump on top of a passing merc, crushing him underneath.
- Sneak up behind a merc, press the "A" button to grab him, then press "A" again to break his neck. It's one of the most satisfying moves in any multiplayer game today.
- In defending the ND133, the mercenaries are well-prepared with:
  - A fully automatic rifle.
  - A helmet-mounted torchlight.
  - Motion-tracking vision.
  - Electromagnetic vision that illuminates all powered objects, such as spies who have their thermal or night vision turned on.



### TOP TIPS:

**SPY TIP:** Use your thermal vision to see through paneled ceiling tiles. But be warned! The mercs can see you through the ceiling if they turn on their electromagnetic vision mode while you have one of your vision modes activated.

**MERCENARY TIP:** Double-tap left or right on your left thumbstick if you've engaged a spy and he's trying to get behind you and grab you. The double-tap will initiate a quick 180-degree spin, turning the tables on that pesky spy!



L trigger to Hold Breath  
D-pad Up/Down to Zoom In/Out Click right thumbstick to exit

■ Mercenaries can help out their partner by zooming in on the enemy and sniping the spy's head.

**TUTORIAL:** Learn the maps on your own as spy and mercenary to get an edge online.



## STAR WARS BATTLEFRONT

NEW TITLE!

Help us, Obi-Wan...

**Developer:** Pandemic Studios **Publisher:** LucasArts  
**Number of players:** 2-16 **ESRB:** T – Violence  
**Available:** September 2004

### What it is:

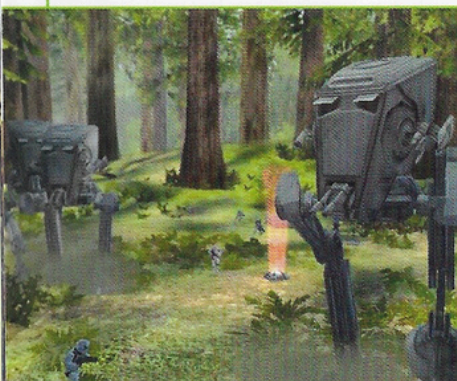
**Join the Rebel Alliance** or the Empire and battle on legendary and all-new battlefields on planets across the galaxy. Whether you're on foot or in the skies, fight alongside your chosen comrades and claim victory!

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**Speeders. AT-ATs. X-Wings.** Every *Star Wars* vehicle you can possibly imagine is right here, ready for you to hop in and pilot. Now imagine *all* of them on the same battlefield at once, with your team using their Xbox Live Communicators to strategize on how to best use those vehicles and squads of ground troops to defeat the enemy.

### Most Exciting Feature:

**Taking the variety** offered by ground and air-based vehicles and mixing it with the skill of on-foot shooters and the rich, deep *Star Wars* universe should make for one of the most intense, exciting experiences on Xbox Live.



■ Working with friends, you'll attack and defend installations for the Empire or the Alliance.

## DEAD OR ALIVE ULTIMATE

NEW TITLE!

Lay the smack down

**Developer:** Team Ninja **Publisher:** Tecmo  
**Number of players:** 1-4 **Available:** Fall 2004  
**ESRB:** RP

### What it is:

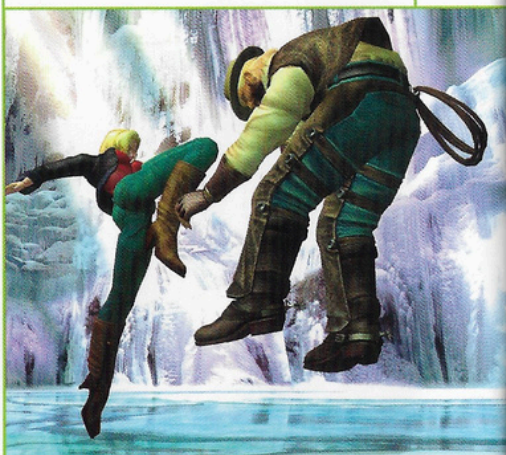
**This *Dead or Alive* compilation** is a two-disc set featuring previous award-winning *DOA* content (*DOA1* and *DOA2*, plus bonus material), but revamped with an all-new graphics engine and rebuilt from the ground up for Xbox Live. New arenas and costumes are also planned.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**Choose your character** – including the most beautiful videogame girls ever – master his or her moves, and challenge the rest of the world over Xbox Live, and participate in the tournament once you're trained and ready.

### Most Exciting Feature:

**It's a blast** to take on your friends one-on-one at your house, but it's a whole new, bloody ballgame when you can take the fight to the entire Xbox Live world.



■ You'll fight in some of the most original settings ever constructed, including an amazing jungle arena. Watch for elephants!

## THE SPORTS PAGE

NEW TITLE!

## MADDEN NFL 2005

Football's power franchise arrives

**Developer:** EA Sports **Available:** August 17, 2004  
**Publisher:** EA Sports **Number of players:** 1-2 **ESRB:** E

### What it is:

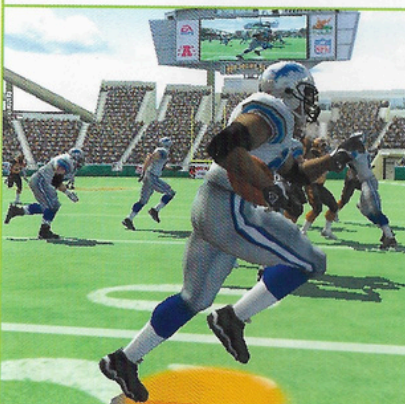
**The perennial chart-topping** football powerhouse is already one of the best-selling games ever on Xbox...and that was before Xbox Live support. It's gridiron action at its best-looking and best-playing, with a great franchise mode.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**Organized tournaments, ladders,** and world rankings are just the tip of the iceberg for bringing the massive potential audience onto Xbox Live. With new moves for 2005, including powerful defensive hits that can swing the flow of a game, the action will be more intense than ever. A community of willing players will be playing 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

### Most Exciting Feature:

**A deep franchise** mode means you have to manage star-player temperaments as well as stats and abilities to make sure the engine of your franchise is well-oiled.



■ Get ready for the big hits of NFL football, as the franchise powerhouse drills Xbox Live.

## GAMES OF XBOX LIVE

## NBA LIVE 2005

NEW TITLE!

Living online hoop dreams

**Developer:** EA Sports **Available:** October 19, 2004  
**Publisher:** EA Sports **ESRB:** E  
**Number of players:** 1-4

### What it is:

**The definitive hoops** game brings all the action and athleticism of the NBA to the Xbox with TV-like presentation that'll make you think you're watching a real game.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**Now the NBA Championship** can be yours as you take your dribbling, duking, deking, and shooting skills online. Playing in cooperative matches with a friend against other real opponents adds an incredible new edge.

## TOP SPIN

Not even a single fault

**Developer:** Microsoft Game Studios **Available:** NOW  
**Publisher:** Microsoft Game Studios  
**Number of players:** 1-4 **ESRB:** E

### What it is:

**It's unanimous:** *Top Spin* is the greatest tennis game ever made. Anyone can pick up and play it, yet its gameplay runs deep enough that you continue to learn new tips every time you play.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**Create your own** players and take them online! Different play styles may crush one opponent but not faze the next.

### TOP TIPS:

- Always return your opponent's serve with the slice shot ("X"). It curves and they can almost never return it hard, putting you in control of the point.
- Don't underestimate the impact of the lob shot. If your opponent crowds the net, using the "Y" button to lob to a far corner should make him think twice about charging.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?: For a friendly sports game, you can't beat *Top Spin*.

WORTH THE WAIT: Fighting in the Battle of Hoth or on Endor is every gamer's dream.



# LOOK FOR

## XBOX LIVE ARCADE

This fall, a great lineup of casual games people love to play will begin to roll out and be available "on demand." It's a new service called *Xbox Live Arcade*, and it will allow *Live* gamers to download PC favorites in all categories, such as *Galaxian*, *Dig Dug*, *Poker*, *Bejeweled*, and *Feeding Frenzy*. Yes, classic card games, puzzle games, trivia games, and retro and action arcade games are coming to *Xbox Live*. And they're coming from well-known publishers like Atari, Namco, PopCap Games, Garage Games, and WildTangent.

These games are easy to get into and a total blast, which makes them perfect for the player who only has time for a quick game.

Check out [www.xbox.com/LiveArcade](http://www.xbox.com/LiveArcade) for the very latest information.



## TRIVIAL PURSUIT UNHINGED

Show off your smarts

**Developer:** Artech Studios **Available:** NOW  
**Publisher:** Atari **Number of players:** 1-4  
**ESRB:** T - Comic Mischief, Suggestive Themes

### What it is:

**What do you do** when your friends can't make it over to play the world's most popular trivia game? Just load up *Xbox Live* and play it online with friends and family, or test your knowledge against the rest of the world!

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**It's just what** you'd expect: all of the great *Trivial Pursuit* excitement without the hassle of setting up the board or bringing players over to your house.

- Use QuickMatch to jump right into a game or set up your own match.
- Challenge friends and family.
- Watch as celebrities ask questions through the multimedia capabilities of Xbox.

### TOP TIP:

Be sure to try out Unhinged! mode, where you can steal opponents' wedges, bet on questions, and literally turn the playing board against other players.



■ Playing and chatting with real people on *Xbox Live* makes every *Trivial Pursuit* match unique.

## XBOX LIVE CLASSICS

### CRIMSON SKIES

Fun at 5,000 feet

**Developer:** FASA Studio **Available:** NOW  
**Publisher:** Microsoft Game Studios  
**Number of players:** 1-16  
**ESRB:** T - Suggestive Themes, Violence

### What it is:

**In an alternate-reality** 1930s U.S.A., air travel has supplanted cars as the primary means of travel. Planes, jets, zeppelins, and gyro-copters rule the clouds, and you to choose your favorite aircraft and conquer the not-so-friendly skies!

### The Xbox Live Experience:

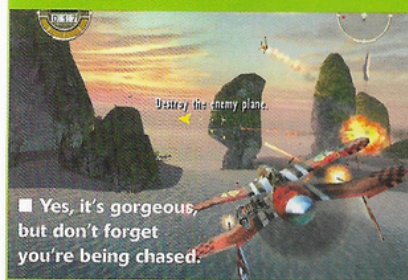
**With the freedom of** the air, the power of speed, and the variety of vehicles and game types, *Crimson Skies* is the best of all online experiences rolled into one! Try out:

- Wild Chicken
- Flag Heist
- Team Accumulate
- Keep Away
- Dogfight
- Team Dogfight

No matter what you play, you can show off your best aerial maneuvers. It's one of the most unique experiences you can have on *Xbox Live*. And don't miss the downloadable content that adds new planes, maps, and more!

### TOP TIPS:

- Never, ever fly in a straight line. A predictable target is an easy one to hit!
- You can often destroy foes using ground-based mounted guns before they can get a bead on you!



■ Yes, it's gorgeous, but don't forget you're being chased.

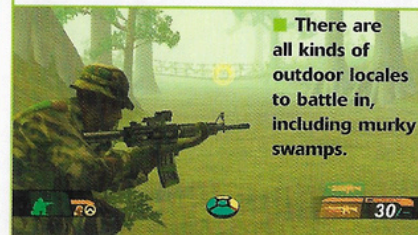
## GAMES OF XBOX LIVE

### TOM CLANCY'S GHOST RECON: ISLAND THUNDER

**Developer:** Red Storm Entertainment  
**Publisher:** Ubisoft **Available:** NOW  
**Number of players:** 1-16  
**ESRB:** M - Blood & Gore, Violence

### What it is:

**You play a Ghost** in a near-future war on global terror. Through dense jungles, urban war zones, and ancient ruins, you and your squad move unseen, eliminating hostiles.



■ There are all kinds of outdoor locales to battle in, including murky swamps.

### The Xbox Live Experience:

**The action** is one-shot, one-kill, and as such the exciting level of tension in *Ghost Recon* is palpable, and working effectively with your team is essential. Using the *Xbox Live* Communicator as a virtual walkie-talkie, you coordinate strategies with and lend support to your teammates as you attempt to neutralize the other players.

Up to 16 players can enter the fray, and cooperative support allows you and your friends to battle through the single-player campaign.

### TOP TIPS:

- It is rarely a good idea to stand up straight. Always crouch (press down on the D-pad) when the match begins. This makes you a smaller target.
- Coordinate with your teammates prior to the match and make sure that only one of you is carrying heavy explosives. Your team's weapon loadouts must complement one another.
- Elevation is a huge factor in owning an environment. Always try to get the high ground on your opponent.

**CRIMSON SKIES:** Three content downloads are available, adding new planes and maps.



# GET A **\$5** REBATE RalliSport Challenge 2

You don't have to be a racing fan to get a kick out of the amazingly fast-paced, close-quarters thrill of rallying. This Official Xbox Magazine Editor's Choice-winning game throws real-world cars onto twisting tracks that could be covered in snow or pavement. Can you adjust to the conditions, respond to your navigator's commands, hit the gas when it's called for, and feather the brake like a pro? *RalliSport Challenge 2* is one of the best racing games ever created, and you can't miss this chance to get up to speed and save cash in the process.



To receive your \$5 U.S. mail-in rebate, follow each of the steps below:

- 1. Acquire *RalliSport Challenge 2*.
- 2. Enclose proof of purchase from the *RalliSport Challenge 2* product you acquired. Eligible proof of purchase is the original barcode on the back of the product package with the words "PROOF OF PURCHASE" indicated below it.
- 3. Enclose a copy of your dated sales receipt (with date and store name clearly identified) for your copy of *RalliSport Challenge 2*.
- 4. Print your name, address, and phone number below and mail completed rebate coupon, sales receipt, and all required proofs of purchase to:  
**MICROSOFT RALLISPORT CHALLENGE 2 REBATE**  
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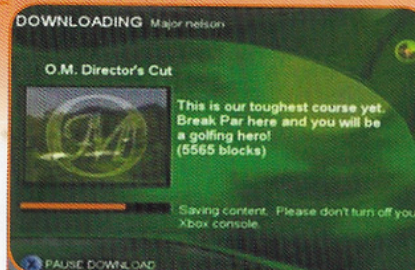
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**TOP LEFT:** Easy-to-follow directions get you downloading new golf courses for *Links 2004* in a flash.

**TOP RIGHT:** Decorate your Windows desktop with stylish *Project Gotham Racing 2* images.

**MAIN:** New multiplayer maps for *Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow* provide even more opportunities for great teamwork.

## EXTENDED PLAY

With downloadable content, extend your game's life

**Over 150** different content downloads are currently available, with more being added regularly. What does this mean? New maps, levels, add-ons, missions, and modes – and other content – are available for you to add on to your games through *Xbox Live*.

Every new *Xbox Live* online enabled game offers a different array of functions that you can use and download to enhance your experience. Be sure to check the most popular downloads on page 17 for more information on the new maps and missions available.

**REMEMBER:** When you launch a new game, always log on to *Xbox Live* and check the Download option. Here you'll find out what new content is available. One click and you can download a map, mission, new game mode, etc., and get more out of your games.





## WINDOWS MEDIA PLAYER SKINS

As you're organizing your music files and playlists, and playing your music and MP3 files with Windows Media Player, remember to enhance its look with one of many skins. Be it *Crimson Skies*, *MechAssault* or *Splinter Cell*, or one of numerous others, you can make your music playing more stylish with these free downloads.



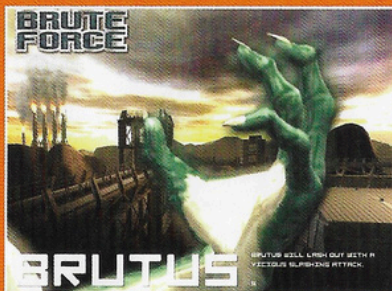
## WALLPAPERS

When you find the wallpaper you want (or grab them all – they're free!), click on the screen resolution number (such as 800x600 or 1024x768) that corresponds to your desktop resolution.

When you can see the image, right-click and select "set as background." Voilà, your desktop wallpaper will highlight your favorite image.

## SCREENSAVERS

You can download art from games like *Brute Force* or *MechAssault* by going to [www.xbox.com/en-us/downloads](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/downloads) and clicking on the screensaver link.



## MORE INFORMATION

Go to [www.xbox.com/en-us/downloads](http://www.xbox.com/en-us/downloads) to find the new maps, missions, levels, and other content for all your Xbox Live games.

> **NOTE:** When you sign up for MSN Messenger Alerts (see page 15), you'll receive updates straight to your Messenger program the moment that new content downloads become available.

> **NOTE:** News on the latest downloads can also be sent straight to you if you sign up for Xbox Live Alerts. Find more details on page 15.



# PREMIUM CONTENT

Vast content packs, fresh and exciting gameplay modes, and new maps and missions are available as Premium Content. We've highlighted just a couple here, but be sure to discover all the new downloads for games like *Dance Dance Revolution*. And always check for the latest additions.

## SPLINTER CELL: PANDORA TOMORROW \$4.99

Ubisoft has released the first Downloadable Map Package, containing a pair of new locales that are equal – if not superior – to the eight out-of-the-box maps.

### FEDERAL BANK

Surrounded by top-secret documents and billions of dollars in gleaming gold, the Spies must first infiltrate one area and neutralize its ND133 before the second section unlocks. The two-story Vault Chamber is the Spies' first test, and then they must proceed downstairs into the dark Gold Reserve room, where there will no doubt be Mercenaries waiting.



### RIVER MALL

Set loose in a massive shopping mall, the shadowy Spies must outwit and outperform the Mercenaries in the eerily quiet retailers' complex. As a Mercenary, you must defend the Video Game Store, the central Information Kiosk, the Hi-Fi Showroom, and more as the opposing Spies try to go above, below, or even right through you toward their goal. With its gorgeous lobby waterfall and numerous camera and system hacks, this is the best multiplayer map in the entire game.

## PROJECT GOTHAM RACING 2 \$4.99

A Paris Booster Pack is available featuring a collection of tracks and cars, all for \$4.99 (contents listed below). A Long Beach Booster Pack of similarly-themed additions can also be downloaded for just \$4.99.

### TRACKS:

- Le Circuit Complet
- Les Deux Points
- Elysees Challenge
- Les Monuments Celebres
- L'Arc de Triomphe
- Avenue D'Ilena
- Circuit Interieur

### CARS:

- TVR Cerbera Speed 12 (in British Racing Green)
- BMW M3 CSL
- BMW 645Ci
- Chevrolet Corvette C6
- Ferrari 250 TR
- Ferrari 288 GTO
- Ferrari 365 GTS 4
- Porsche 356 Carrera Speedster

## DOWNLOAD THE BEST

### LINKS 2004

Green fees are cheap at just \$4.99 for a lifetime of rounds at the Plantation Course at Kapalua or the North Course at Arizona's award-winning Dove Mountain golf resort. Be it the ocean views of Maui or the 7,400 yards of rolling desert landscapes and 108 bunkers, both courses are a challenge for any golfer to stay under par.

### MECHASSAULT

For just \$4.99 you can add two new gameplay modes – Check It and Take It – and three multiplayer maps. These eight-player maps add fresh locations to dominate for the clans enjoying this classic combat game.

**DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION:** For \$5 you can download one of three packs of five new songs.



# HOT DOWNLOADS

## RAINBOW SIX 3

### Scharins

Abandoned warehouse near the Arctic circle

### CloseQuarter

Abandoned terrorist training camp

### Meat Factory

For sharpshooter, survival, and team survival

### Carnival

For sharpshooter, survival, and team survival

### Garage

For sharpshooter, survival, and team survival

## CRIMSON SKIES

### Caverns

A new, strategically-oriented map with two mammoth caves connected by large tunnels and a treacherous shortcut in the middle.

### Fury

A brand-new plane, the agile Fury is a dog-fighter that rewards its pilot's gunnery skills.



## TOM CLANCY'S SPLINTER CELL

### Vselka Infiltration

Having located the Vselka, Sam Fisher now infiltrates its claustrophobic corridors to locate the nuclear warheads.

### Vselka Submarine

Third Echelon suspects that the docked submarine, the Vselka, carries nuclear warheads. Sam Fisher is sent in to stop their theft, or, if he's too late, to find out where they've been moved to.

## UNREAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### Inferno

Deathmatch level amidst fire and brimstone

### AquaMortis

Deathmatch splashing about in the vicinity of a ferocious ice shark

### Leviathan

Small but dangerous deathmatch level

### OtarosRun

An eerie Capture-the-Flag level

## SINGLE-PLAYER DOWNLOADS

Grab all the content downloads you can to enhance your Xbox Live experience, but also remember that you can get updates and more content for your single-player games. If you liked any one of the *Star Wars* movies, or have played any of the games, you simply must try *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic*.

You can't get any closer to living in the *Star Wars* universe, and feeling like you're shaping the events that unfold there than in this amazing role-playing game. Better yet, through Xbox Live you can download new items into the game, and have more cool objects as you pursue your goal, be it light or dark.



## WIN A FREE GAME

## Enter to win TOP SPIN

Now that you're part of the Xbox Live community of gamers, you can help make it even better by taking a simple survey and letting us know what you think and what you want to see. Filling out the survey takes just a few minutes, and in doing so you'll be entered into a drawing to win the fabulous **TOP SPIN** (100 copies will be awarded).

So go online to <http://www.rsch.com/XBoxLIVE1/survey.cfm> and answer the questions. Not only will you be helping make Xbox Live an even better entertainment hang-out, but you could be a winner, too.

No purchase necessary. Open only to residents of the 50 United States (includes the District of Columbia) age 13 years or older. Game ends February 28, 2005. For official rules go online to [www.rsch.com/XBoxLIVE1/rules.cfm](http://www.rsch.com/XBoxLIVE1/rules.cfm).

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To take full advantage of the ESRB rating system, it's important to check both the **Rating Symbol** (found on the front of the game box) and the **Content Descriptors** (found on the back of the game box).



LOOK FOR THE **RATING SYMBOL** IN THE LOWER RIGHT OR THE LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER ON THE FRONT OF THE BOX.



**CONTENT DESCRIPTORS** ARE FOUND ON THE LOWER LEFT OR RIGHT HAND CORNER ON THE BACK OF THE BOX.

## ESRB RATING SYMBOLS



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**EVERYONE**  
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**TEEN**  
CONTENT MAY BE SUITABLE FOR PERSONS AGES 13 AND OLDER. MAY CONTAIN VIOLENT CONTENT, MILD OR STRONG LANGUAGE, AND/OR SUGGESTIVE THEMES.



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CONTENT MAY BE SUITABLE FOR PERSONS AGES 17 AND OLDER. MAY CONTAIN MATURE SEXUAL THEMES OR MORE INTENSE VIOLENCE OR LANGUAGE.



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CONTENT SUITABLE ONLY FOR ADULTS. MAY INCLUDE GRAPHIC DEPICTIONS OF SEX AND/OR VIOLENCE. NOT INTENDED FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.



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